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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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TAGS: PFOR, XC, US

SUBJECT: APRIL 20 INDOCHINA PRESS SUMMARY

1. ALL PAPERS REPORT SECRETARY ROGERS' STATEMENT TO  
DOS CONFERENCE OF BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, AND IN HIS  
FOREIGN POLICY REPORT, THAT U. S. WILL PRESENT NO  
LEGISLATION TO CONGRESS FOR NVN AID UNLESS C- F ACCORD  
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IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED. WIDE COVERAGE ALSO GIVEN SPOKESMAN  
BRAY' S DISCLOSURE OF WILLIAMS' RECALL FROM JEC TALKS.

2. ALSO HIGHLIGHTED IS FRIEDHEIM STATEMENT CONFIRMING SUSPENSION OF MINE- SWEEPING OPERATIONS. SCHMIDT ( CSM) REPORTS IT IS " WIDELY BELIEVED" DECISION WAS MADE BY PRESIDENT, AND ADDS THAT MOVE CARRIES " IMPLIED THREAT" THAT U. S. COULD GO FURTHER AND RE- MINE HAIPHONG IF NVN VIOLATIONS PERSIST. TO SCHMIDT, U. S. " DECISION TO PUT THIS KIND OF PRESSURE- ON NVN RECALLS LAST DECEMBER, WHEN PRESIDENT DECIDED TO BOMB HANOI AND HAIPHONG AS MEANS OF PERSUADING NVN TO RESUME SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. BEECHER ( NYT) SAYS ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS " APPEARED TO BE AMBIGUOUS" ON THIS POINT. MARDER AND GETLER ( WP) SEE THESE U. S. ACTIONS PUTTING C- F ACCORD " IN ITS GREATEST STATE OF RISK" AND SUGGEST MOVES REVEAL " IN ESCALATING STEPS" THAT STATE OF U. S.- NVN STRAIN CONSIDERABLY EXCEEDS THAT CAUSED BY RECENT BOMBINGS. " FOR ROGERS TO SAY THERE IS ' STILL HOPE' FOR CARRYING OUT THE PEACE ACCORD

IS ITSELF A MAJOR TURNABOUT IN ADMINISTRATION LANGUAGE," FOR " UNTIL YESTERDAY, NO ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL PUBLICLY CONCEDED ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THE AGREEMENT MIGHT COLLAPSE." KEAT ( SUN) OBSERVES OFFICIALS " SOUGHT TO DISPEL ANY AURA OF CRISIS AND DISPUTED SUGGESTIONS THAT THEY BELIEVED THE CEASE- FIRE AGREEMENT WAS BREAKING DOWN." NEVERTHELESS, " BOTH SIDES ARE NOW OPENLY FLOUTING MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT."

3. DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY ATTACKS U. S. FOR MINESWEEPING SUSPENSION ( NYDN' S CARTER); AND NVN PARIS DELEGATES DENOUNCE U. S. SUSPENSION OF JEC TALKS AS " SABOTAGE" ( AP, SUN; NYT).

4. REUTER REPORTS ARVN FORCES MAKING FINAL P' SH TO CLEAR MEKONG ON SVN SIDE OF BORDER MEETING STIFF RESISTANCE ( SUN). BEECHER FINDS DOD " PUZZLED OVER INDICATIONS THAT PORTIONS OF ONE OR MORE" NVA DIVISIONS IN SVN RECENTLY WITHDREW INTO SVN.

5. FIGHTING BREAKS OUT 11 MILES FROM PP, AND SITUATION ALSO REPORTED SERIOUS 12 MILES WEST OF UNCLASSIFIED

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CITY WHERE COMMUNIST FORCES HAD BEEN SEEN MASSING. COMMUNIST FORCES HAVE AGAIN CLOSED ROUTE 4 ( AP, WP); AND FANK BATTLES TO RETAIN TWO PROVINCIAL CAPITALS -- TAKEO, 40 MILES SOUTH OF PP, AND NEIGHBORING TRAM KHUAR -- FOLLOWING FALL OF KEP ( REUTER, WP). BRAY CONFIRMS THAT LON NON VISIT EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT GIVES NO DETAILS ( SUN, WP).

6. BROWNE ( NYT), IN PP, CONTENDS U. S. AIR SUPPORT

FOR CAMBODIA APPARENTLY CONTINUES EACH DAY WITHOUT RENEWED GOVERNMENT- TO- GOVERNMENT REQUESTS BUT WITH CONTINUOUS COOPERATION OF U. S. AND GKR MILITARY PLANNERS. DESPITE ABSENCE OF FORMAL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN PP, AMERICANS ENGAGED IN COORDINATING AIR SUPPORT -- " WHO DO NOT WEAR UNIFORMS" -- HAVE AMPLE EQUIPMENT FOR THE JOB AND TRAVEL WIDELY THROUGH CAMBODIA BY HELICOPTER OR PLANE TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH NEEDS OF FANK COMMANDERS.

7. SAIKOWSKI ( CSM) SEES PROSPECTIVE POLITICAL HOUSE-CLEANING IN PP OFFERING " FIRST FAINT GLIMMER OF HOPE FOR EVENTUAL PEACE TALKS" IN CAMBODIA. SIRIK MATAK AND IN TAM LIKELY TO REEMERGE ON POLITICAL SCENE, ALTHOUGH LON NOL HIMSELF CONSIDERED UNLIKELY TO STEP DOWN. PP DISPATCH ( NYT) REPORTS OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS

BELIEVE FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE LONG TIME. IN TAM SAYS HE HOPES TO HAVE WORD FROM LON NOL FRIDAY AS TO WHETHER PRESIDENT AGREES TO HIS TERMS FOR ROLE IN GOVERNMENT. SOUTHERLAND ( CSM), IN PP, CITES REPORTS THAT POLITICAL BARGAINING IS INTENSE, AND U. S. EFFORTS TO " PROP UP" LON NOL WILL S' FFER " SERIOUS BLOW" IF NEITHER IN TAM NOR SIRIK MATAK ACCEPTS PARTICIPATION IN NEW COUNCIL.

8. REUTER ( SUN) REPORTS AMB. SWANK WARNS U. S. PERSONNEL THAT HE WILL RIGOROUSLY ENFORCE LONG- STANDING ORDER BANNING THEM FROM VISITING PP' S GRLE BARS AND NIGHT-CLUBS. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAYS WARNING FOLLOWS INCREASING NUMBER OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMERICANS.

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9. INFORMED THAI SOURCES SAY HAIG WILL RETURN TO BANGKOK SOON FOR DISCUSSIONS ON INDOCHINA, PARTICULARLY CAMBODIA ( REUTER, SUN).

10. JOFC SPECIAL REPORT FROM BANGKOK SAYS 6 TH ANNUAL ASEAN MINISTERIAL SESSION CONCLUDED WITH EXPRESSION OF " GRAVE CONCERN" OVER JAPAN' S " INDISCRIMINATE EXPANSION- OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER PRODUCTION AND EXPORT. JAPAN WAS URGED TO " REVIEW ITS POLICY" AND ASEAN OFFICIALS AGREED TO WORK OUT APPROPRIATE COUNTER-MEASURES.

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1. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT LITTLE REMAIN UNDER  
CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEW VOA ARRANGEMENT. LITTLE  
DESIRES ONE MORE YEAR, HOME LEAVE, AND TRANSFER.

2. STATE PERSONNEL AWARE OF GENERAL DISLOCATION  
AGAIN AT THIS POST. IN VIEW OF FACT THERE IS ALMOST  
SIMULTANEOUS CHANGEOVER OF STAFF AND MANY NOW IN HOME  
LEAVE OR TRANSFER STATUS, AMBASSADOR BELIEVES MEETING  
ABOVE DESIRES OF LITTLE FORTUITOUSLY IN BEST INTEREST  
OF MISSION AND HAS FEELING NEW COM WOULD FEEL SAME WAY.  
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